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## **VIA ECF**

Honorable Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
The Honorable Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601-4150

Re: Ortiz v. Orange County, 23-cv-2802 (VLB)

## Dear Judge Briccetti:

The plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter—six noncitizens whose advocacy about the conditions of their confinement at the Orange County Jail caused the defendants to retaliate against them—write in response to the Court's order that they notify the Court of whether they intend to file an amended complaint in response to the Federal Defendants' motion to dismiss or will rely on the complaint that is the subject of that motion. (ECF No. 41).

The plaintiffs intend to rely on their complaint as originally filed, (ECF No. 7), and, pursuant to the Court's order of June 14, 2023, will submit their opposition to the Federal Defendants' motion on or before August 7, 2023, (ECF No. 36). In the meantime, the plaintiffs are prepared to proceed with discovery and respectfully request the Court schedule an initial case management and scheduling conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16.

## Respectfully submitted,

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